

| Sl.No. | States | Census 1991 | NSSO*53rd round, 1997 |
|--------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh) | 44.2 | 56 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 64.9 | 74 |
| 15. | Manipur | 59.9 | 76 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 49.1 | 77 |
| 17. | Mizoram | 82.3 | 95 |
| 18. | Nagaland | 61.6 | 84 |
| 19. | Orissa | 49.1 | 51 |
| 20. | Punjab | 58.5 | 67 |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 38.5 | 55 |
| 22. | Sikkim | 56.9 | 79 |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | 62.7 | 70 |
| 24. | Tripura | 60.4 | 73 |
| 25. | Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal) | 41.6 | 56 |
| 26. | West Bengal | 57.7 | 72 |

National Sample Survey Organisation.

* The 1991 census was not conducted in Jammu and Kashmir.

Admission in BCA Course in IGNOU

† 299. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of students have taken admission in Indira Gandhi National Open University this year under bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) course;

(b) if so, the total number of such students;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of students getting BCA degree, out of the students admitted under this course, has been very low during the past years; and

(d) if so, the number of those students who got admission and of those who secured degree and the reasons for such a low number of students securing this degree?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

University, 30,906 new students have been admitted to BCA programme in 2001 session.

(c) and (d) IGNOU launched its B.C.A. programme in 1996 and the year-wise information on number of admitted students and those who passed is as under:

| Year | New Admission | Passed |
|------|---------------|----------------|
| 1996 | 2808 | Not Applicable |
| 1997 | 12249 | Not Applicable |
| 1998 | 19037 | Not Applicable |
| 1999 | 19186 | 6 |
| 2000 | 19037 | 105 |
| 2001 | 30906 | — |

IGNOU works through the distance education system which is flexible in terms of time and place. Most of the students at IGNOU are employed and they appear in the term-end examinations as per their choice. It is different from the conventional educational system where students complete their programmes within a specified time. For completion of the BCA programme, students at IGNOU get time from 3 to 6 years.

Promotion of Hindi in Non-Hindi Speaking Regions

300. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing programmes for promoting Hindi language education in non-Hindi speaking regions, indicating State-wise allocations made during Ninth Five Year Plan against each scheme;

(b) the different schemes of Human Resource Development Programme financed by the Central Government in the North Eastern States for 2000-2001, State-wise;

(c) whether implementation of the programmes, including text booking the NER, has suffered greatly due to acute financial crisis faced by Assam Rashtrabhasa Prashar Samiti;